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TITLE: Method Of Manufacturing A Circular Optical Storage Disc
And Circular Optical Storage Disc

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 06/04/02, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A method of manufacturing a circular optical storage
disc, comprising:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a
liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and
wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the
substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferentially
contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with
the first surface of the substrate; and

after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the
extension body and the substrate are separated.

2. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
extension body has an outer periphery which has a circular shape.

3. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
extension body has an outer periphery which has a polygonal
shape.

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